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In re Application

Inventor(s): Alan F. Savicki  
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Title: CLOSURE DEVICE

PATENT APPLICATION

Art Unit: 3677  
Examiner: J.R. Brittain

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. section 1.136(a))**

1. Responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 16, 2004, this is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of one month.
2. A response is attached herewith.
3. Applicant is other than a small entity.
4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. section 1.17(a)(1)-(5)):

Extension:	Fee for other than small entity:
	one month \$110.00
	Fee \$110.00

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

Extension fee due with this request \$ 110.00

**CERTIFICATION OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION**

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5. Extended period for response

Based on the extension requested in this petition (and that for which a previous petition has been filed, if any), the extended period for response will expire on May 16, 2004.

6. Fee Payment

Charge fee to Account No. 06 0929. This is a request to charge for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

Date: May 3, 2004



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